

Appl. No. 10/734,927
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 6 and 8 are independent. Claims 1-3 and 6-14 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Summary of interview

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview between the Examiner, Attorney David J. Bailey, Limited Recognition Number L0018, and Attorney Deidra Ritcherson, Registration No. 55,574, on September 23, 2005 during which claims 1, 6 and 8 and the Dhyanchand et al. and Chen et al. references were discussed. No agreement was reached with respect to patentability of the claims.

Summary of amendments

Applicants have amended claims 1, 6 and 8 to recite various aspects of the structure of the claimed invention. The Applicants note, however, that the structure now-recited in the amended claims 1, 6 and 8 is inherent in the structures and processes required in the previously submitted claims. Applicants submit that the amendments have been made to expressly state what would have been apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

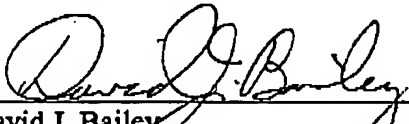
Applicants have amended dependent claims 2-5, 7 and 9-14 to ensure proper antecedent basis given the language of newly-amended independent claims 1, 6 and 8 from which claims 2-5, 7 and 9-14, respectively depend, and for clarity. No new matter has been added in any of the claims.

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The Applicants request entry of these remarks and the foregoing amendments before examination. The Applicants further request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-14 for the reasons outlined in the Amendment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 12, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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